

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 03303 141636Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07 L-03
NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 IO-13
DHA-02 EB-08 TRSE-00 OMB-01 CIEP-00 ABF-01 OES-06
FEA-01 INT-05 /095 W
-----142217Z 025641 /63

R 141325Z MAR 77
FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5017
INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE
AMEMBASSY BERLIN
USMISSION BERLIN
AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST
AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST
AMCONSUL LENINGRAD
USMISSION NATO
USMISSION USUN
AMEMBASSY PRAGUE
AMEMBASSY SOFIA
AMEMBASSY WARSAW
USDOC WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 3303

USDOC FOR BEWT

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ECON, EALR, CSCE, UR
SUBJECT: WORK OF "FIFTEEN-YEAR PLAN" PREEMPTS PUBLICATION OF
SOVIET ECONOMIC DATA

REF: (A) MOSCOW 2870, (B) MOSCOW 3242

SUMMARY: STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE (GOSPLAN) OFFICIALS
HAVE CONFIRMED TO US THAT GOSPLAN WILL NOT PUBLISH A DETAILED
BOOK ON THE CURRENT FIVE-YEAR PLAN (1976-80) BECAUSE IT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 03303 141636Z

IS TOO BUSY PREPARING THE FIFTEEN-YEAR PLAN (1976-90)
FOR MAY PUBLICATION TO BE ABLE TO WRITE SUCH A BOOK.
THEY STATED THAT MUCH INFORMATION ON GOALS AND PERFOR-
MANCE ON BOTH ANNUAL AND FIVE-YEAR PLANS CAN BE GLEANED
FROM SOVIET ECONOMIC PRESS AND INDUSTRY JOURNALS. THEY
ASSERTED THAT GOSPLAN IS WILLING TO TALK WITH FOREIGN
BUSINESSMEN SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT TRADE POTENTIAL.

END SUMMARY.

1. GOSPLAN OFFICIALS INDICATED MARCH 9 THAT THEY ARE WORKING FULL TIME ON PREPARATION OF THE FIFTEEN-YEAR PLAN (1976-90) FOR MAY PUBLICATION. AT THE SAME TIME, V.V. MORDVINOV, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES (EXCLUDING "SOCIALIST") UNDER THE USSR STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE (GOSPLAN) CONFIRMED THAT THE SOVIET UNION DOES NOT PLAN TO PUBLISH A DETAILED BOOK ON THE CURRENT TENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN (1976-80) AS WAS DONE FOR THE NINTH FYP. ASKED WHY THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN SO SPARSE IN PUBLISHING INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT FYP, MORDVINOV REFERRED THE QUESTION TO N.L. DVORETS (THE HEAD OF HIS AMERICAN SECTION), WHO SAID THAT GOSPLAN AT PRESENT IS CONCENTRATING ON THE FIFTEEN-YEAR PLAN. MORDVINOV NOTED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY SAID MUCH THE SAME THING TO THE GERMANS (REF A). DVORETS ASSERTED THAT THE SPECIALISTS IN GOSPLAN WHO WOULD DO SUCH WRITING ARE ALL ENGROSSED IN WORK ON THE FIFTEEN-YEAR PLAN. (AS REPORTED, DVORETS THEN ADDED THAT HIS OWN JOB WAS MADE MORE DIFFICULT BY CURRENT STATE OF US/USSR RELATIONS, REF. B.) IN REPOSE TO FURTHER QUESTIONS, MORDVINOV SAID THAT THIS "PERSPECTIVE PLAN" WAS BEING REDRAFTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF "OUR SUCCESS AND FAILURES" IN 1976. THIS DRAFT IS SCHEDULED TO BE PUBLISHED IN MAY "FOR DISCUSSION" PER A DECISION OF THE SUPREME SOVIET. MORDVINOV HEDGED WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE FINAL VERSION WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 MOSCOW 03303 141636Z

2. ASKED HOW ONE COULD THEN ACQUIRE THE TYPE OF INFORMATION THAT HAD APPEARED IN THE BOOK ABOUT THE NINTH FYP, HE SAID THAT PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO GLEAN THE DATA FROM ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN THE ECONOMIC PRESS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN EKONOMICHESKAYA GAZETA, PLANOVOE KHOZYAISTVO AND VOPROSY EKONOMIKI, AND IN INDUSTRIAL JOURNALS. MORDVINOV WENT ON TO COMMENT THAT A SURPRISING AMOUNT OF INFORMATION--SOMETIMES TOO MUCH, HE OPINED--IS PUBLISHED IN SOVIET TECHNICAL JOURNALS, INCLUDING THOSE OF KEY INDUSTRIAL MINISTRIES.

3. MORDVINOV RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY TO QUESTIONS WHETHER GOSPLAN WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS SOVIET NEEDS WITH AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN. THE DOORS OF THIS "SUPER SECRET SOVIET INSTITUTION," HE SAID SOMEWHAT DISINGENOUSLY, ARE ALWAYS OPEN.

4. COMMENT: THE RELATIVE PAUCITY OF ECONOMIC DATA ON GOALS AND PERFORMANCE AND THE EXPECTATION THAT THERE WILL

BE FEW, IF ANY, COMPREHENSIVE ARTICLES ON THESE SUBJECTS, PUTS A PREMIUM ON COMBING THE PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS TO GLEAN BASIC DATA AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT AND HIGHLIGHT SIGNIFICANT FACTS AND DEVELOPMENTS AS WE SPOT THEM. HOWEVER, AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, FOR WANT OF MANPOWER, EMBASSY DOES NOT SUBSCRIBE TO MOST INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL JOURNALS.

5. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS, THEREFORE, THAT DEPARTMENT TOGETHER WITH OTHER INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR INCREASED PUBLICATION OF BOTH DATA AND ANALYSES OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET ECONOMY, BOTH FOR AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AND FOR USG INTERNATL NEEDS.
TOON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PUBLICATIONS, FIVE YEAR PLAN, ECONOMIC PROGRAMS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 14-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977MOSCOW03303
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770087-0703
Format: TEL
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770363/aaaacddu.tel
Line Count: 130
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 9d557bb8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 MOSCOW 2870, 77 MOSCOW 3242
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3118856
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: WORK OF "FIFTEEN-YEAR PLAN" PREEMPTS PUBLICATION OF SOVIET ECONOMIC DATA
TAGS: ECON, EALR, UR, CSCE
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/9d557bb8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009